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## COUNTY TAXES.

## Collector Pulis Makes Annual Settlement.

County Collector S. A. Pulis made his annual settlement with the County Court last week. The report shows the following collections:

**State Tax.**—Current tax, \$16,697.44; delinquent, \$806.01; merchants', \$491.31; railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$4,015.91; license, \$858.93.

**County Tax.**—Current, \$38,892.39; delinquent, \$1,897.67; merchants', \$1,137.09; railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$9,305.19; license, \$2,626.55.

**Road Tax.**—Current, \$7,925.17; delinquent, \$352.26; merchants', \$173.36; railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$1,942.11; license, \$2.94.

**Special Road and Bridge Tax.**—Current, \$21,979.18; delinquent, \$410.17; merchants', \$646.34; railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$5,284.74; license, \$4.16.

**Village Tax.**—Railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$700.76.

**School Tax.**—Current, \$16,612.48; delinquent, \$2,957.57; merchants', \$2,915.56; railroad, telegraph and telephone, \$11,043.79; license, \$30.80.

**Total.**—State tax, \$22,869.60; County Tax, \$53,858.89; Road Tax, \$10,394.84; Special Road and Bridge Tax, \$28,324.59; Village Tax, \$700.76; School Tax, \$78,560.20.

Total amount collected in all funds, \$194,708.88.

## MESSAGE FRIENDS.

The following are late new subscribers or renewals for the Message:

Miss Marcie Bush  
A. H. Moore  
Mrs. N. J. Sallee  
Cale Douglass  
J. B. Slavens  
Mrs. S. E. Kendall  
W. R. Sallee  
Frank Baldwin  
J. F. Ruse  
S. D. Wilson  
A. A. Hunsaker  
J. E. Winn  
Conrad Schutte  
Oscar Cawthorn  
F. S. Schneider  
Coleman Elliott  
Mrs. Abbie Curry  
Mike Shire  
Mrs. E. C. Offutt  
Miss Nannie Gilbert  
Mrs. J. I. Beasley

## Catholic Census Bureau.

Catholic clergymen — from Martinsburg, Wellsville and Montgomery City, including Mexico—met in this city last week and organized a Catholic Census Bureau. Father J. J. Dillon, of Mexico, was chosen president; Father Joseph Haar, of Martinsburg, vice-president; Father Thomas Aylward, of Montgomery City, secretary, and Father Danie Hurley, of Wellsville, treasurer.

## Died in New York.

Mrs. Hugh Moorehead, a sister of Miss Laura Searcy, teacher in the Mexico schools, died in New York a few days ago after an operation for a trouble of the ear. The body was brought to Columbia, Mo., for burial.

Miss Genevieve Barley, teacher in North Central School of this city, resigned last week and goes to Springfield, Mo., where she will enter the Normal, expecting to graduate this summer. Miss Judith Jones will take Miss Barley's place in the school here.

## SOME INTERVIEWS.

**Mike Shire:** Mr. Editor, I am back again in Audrain. Have moved from Auxvasse to Judge Mathias Crum's 270 acre farm southwest of Mexico. My son, Charlie, and I will have its care thru the coming year and we hope to make it produce big. Must have the Message so here's a wheel for the same.

**Geo. W. Wood:** I had a fall the other day and I have been suffering a good deal since from a hurting in my right side and in the back of my head. These little bumps didn't use to hurt us when we were boys.

**Marston W. Beamer:** Hungry dogs got about 11 head of sheep out of my flock recently. Since that I have killed three dogs trespassing on my property. I'm out after the scavengers; I'll get them if they get on my place.

**W. C. Atkins:** "You may take my local down now." "Yes, it pays to advertise. I know a joke on that subject. It wouldn't do to tell." No, I seldom joke, but I can't help looking on that man Parker, of Laddonia, as being a kind of joke. His writings on the Mutual Telephone situation and that absurd hog story. Well, I'm a Missourian.

**L. F. Austin:** I took a car of poultry to New York City recently. Was seven days and nights on the road. A big snow storm was raging when I got into Salamanca, Pa. Snow and storm, I never saw it beaten. I came back thinking more of Missouri and her average peaceful atmospheric conditions.

**J. T. Johnson:** My mule sale last week was the most successful sale I ever had. It footed up over \$20,000. The top price in the sale was paid by Jack Harrison of Auxvasse. He got a pair of coming four-year-old mare mules, paying \$535. My yearling mules, 42 in number, sold at an average of \$184 each, and 71 three year-olds sold at an average of around \$200 each. I tell you I was well pleased with the way the offerings sold.

**Fred S. Johnston:** I'm another sober-minded fellow, and never was known to crack a joke. But here's one. I'm going to buy an automobile and take wife and the 12 children on regular joy rides. Maybe you'll not be able to count that many kids about my place. I live down north-east of Martinsburg, ask my neighbors about it.

**Lemuel Spotswood:** I'm young. I'm not a teacher, but I have relatives and friends in the county who are teachers. Here's my tip, Mr. Editor. Do you want my opinion as to what makes a model teacher? It is kindness, impartiality. Don't be snappy and fiery. Encourage the love of the children. This will lead toward success for the teacher. It will lead to self-government among the pupils, too, which is encouraged in the schools of today. Don't be partial to the school board's children. Give every pupil a fair chance. Children are just like grown-ups, they are but men and women in miniature; they know when they are getting a square deal, and the model teacher has the good sense to see this.

**Master Ryland Pearl** of Thompson visited his teacher in Mexico last week, Miss Zola Beal, and attended the "Indian Princess" entertainment Friday night.

**Hon. E. A. Shannon** made several speeches for local opinion in Wayne county last week.

## "THE INDIAN PRINCESS."

## It Was a Great Play, Given by the Little Folks.

"The Indian Princess" written by Miss Maude Wallace, director of music in Mexico High School, a most pleasing operetta, was played two nights last week in the High School Auditorium. There was a large audience at each performance. About 50 children had part in the folk-dances and other features. Capt. John Smith; Sir Henry Olney; Powhattan—Indian chief, Pocahontas—his daughter; scouts, squaws, six Indian braves, ten papooses and 12 Indian maids constituted the main characters.

The program from beginning to end was most charming. Besides the written play there were six songs—"Sailors' Chorus," "I Am The Governor," "Work Is Not Our Theme," "Feast Song," "The Canoe Song," "Pow-Wow," and "The Indian Princess"—all the composition of Miss Wallace. The scenery and painting was by the Manual Training, Domestic Science and Art departments of the High School—the whole creation by home talent—"Mexico Made."

The little folks who had part in the folk-dances the last evening were as follows: Gladys Huenfeld, Edwin Angert, Rose Stallings, Felton Kunkel, Elizabeth White, Thomas McIntyre, Abby Nealy, Francis Ryan, Alice Graham, Arthur Willard, Nellie Barnett, Asa Johnson, Helen Austin, Ellison Sayre, Helen Johnson and Welch Squires.

## LIVE STOCK ITEMS.

## Among the Feeders and Shippers at Rush Hill.

**Bart Martenia,** south of Rush Hill, has a nice bunch of cattle on feed.

**C. E. Maxwell** sold two spans of mules last week, one to C. L. Smallwood and the other to Fred Hibbert. Mr. Maxwell also sold 42 head of stock hogs to J. T. Johnson, delivered at Mr. Johnson's farm east of Rush Hill.

**Lute Diggs** received 126 head of 2-year-old steers from Kansas City a few days ago and will put them on feed on the Old Sims Farm southwest of Rush Hill.

**Wm. Azdell** of Worcester got in a car of cattle from Kansas City last Thursday. These are two year olds and nice ones.

**Dr. W. E. Cornett** of Rush Hill got in 50 head of calves from Kansas City last week. Will put on grass this summer.

**Ray Beagles** of Worcester shipped a car of hogs to St. Louis last week, getting within five cents of the top of the market—\$8.87 1-2.

**J. P. Harper** of Rush Hill has been quite busy lately buying and shipping hogs and cattle.

**Henry Stuart** of Rush Hill has lately put a car of cattle on feed on the L. W. Roberts place, just west of Rush Hill.

**Tom Britton** and wife of Rush Hill moved to George Montague's place southeast of Laddonia last week. Mrs. Britton took very ill last Friday night but we are glad to report that she is since much better.

**Col. E. Y. Burton,** professor of mathematics in Millsaps College, Miss., is to be the new head of Missouri Military Academy in this city. Mr. Burton is reported as an educator of high rank.

**Gordon Nelson** is home from an eight months' sojourn at Kewanee, Ill., and Moberly. Says he is satisfied and is back to stay.

## EARLY HISTORY.

## The First Pastor of Mexico Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jennie Bland Beachamp, the first president of the Texas W. C. T. U., died recently. She established the Texas official organ of the W. C. T. U., called "The Bulletin," and laid well the foundation for the organization in the Lone Star State, traveling many miles, making many speeches and sacrificing much for the temperance cause in general. Mrs. Beachamp was the mother of five children, all living. Two are Baptist preachers. A son, Harvey Beachamp, was sat one time Audrain County Missionary for the Baptist church and lived at Vandalia. Mrs. Beachamp's husband, Rev. S. A. Beachamp, was the first pastor of the Mexico Baptist church. He was pastor for some time at Long Branch and over 50 years ago baptized the late Judge S. E. Kendall and his wife—the latter yet surviving and living in Mexico—at the Long Branch church.

This is getting back to some early history.

## Mr. Parker's Hogs.

Benton City, Mo., Feb. 12, '14.  
Dear Mr. Beal: In regard to Mr. Parker's hogs. The article in your paper of Feb. 26th stated that he had shipped a load of hogs that weighed about 400 lbs. and that "the hogs had made a gain of 1 1/4 lbs. per day for 15 months." The gain alone for that length of time would have been 570 lbs. What struck me as strange was that they only weighed 400 lbs.; 1 1/4 lbs. per day is a splendid gain, especially for that length of time. I never feed that long.

F. D. Parsons.

Those six fiends at Kansas City who the other day enticed an innocent married woman in off the street into a dark room and then locked her in and most shamefully mistreated her are coming to what is due them. If that great mob of infuriated men could have gotten at them at the time of the preliminary trial they would have fixed 'em right then and there. Gamblers, thugs and murderers have been protected too long in Kansas City and in all the cities.

**Dr. J. W. Million, J. W. Dry, J. T. Johnson, E. R. Locke** and **Sid Houston** attended the Commercial Club banquet at Centralia from Mexico last Friday night. Mr. Million delivered an address on "Our Mutual Interests"—the interests between Mexico and Centralia. The banquet was a great success.

It was boasted that everything was "Mexico-Made" in "The Indian Princess" play given last week. Let the school folks carry that idea a little further, to doing all their printing at home—commencement programs, etc. Is that a hit or a tip too strong? Patronize home institutions.

**Mrs. George W. Azdell** of this city, who was three score and six, last Thursday, invited in a few of her friends on that day to celebrate with her.

**E. B. Keith's** home in this city was damaged about \$600 by fire last Friday night. Blaze thought to have caught from a defective flue.

**B. D. Brown** was down at Curryville first of the week looking after his farm near that place.

## HITS AND TIPS.

**P. T. Bruce,** out Skinner way, has traded his 226 acre farm near Benton City to C. H. Baker for the handsome stone residence of the Phillip heirs in this city. In turn Mr. Baker gets one of the finest farms in the county.

**R. E. Race,** secretary of the Mexico Commercial Club, at the State meeting of commercial club secretaries in Jefferson City last week, was elected president of that organization for the ensuing year. Race is a hustler all right; as his name indicates, he is a racer.

**John J. Wakefield,** member of the State Board of Agriculture from this county, has been appointed director of mules and jennets for the State Fair for this year. He's the man to do the work exact and right all right.

**S. A. Pulis,** County Collector, is publishing a fine statement of taxes collected—about \$16,000 more than the receipts last year. Taxes are higher this time, and by the way, mark this fact, the people are square against any schemes for making new offices to make taxes higher, too.

**R. H. Brown—a** mighty good fellow, he is,—his friends are grooming him again for County Recorder.

**J. T. Allen** a few days ago traded his stock of second-hand store goods here to Jefferson City parties for a 20 acre farm near New Bloomfield, getting \$275 in addition. J. T. we believe that was a good trade.

The nasty old house fly is coming soon. Swat the whole nest of 'em if you can, and then keep on swatting.

**Hugh L. Cooper,** the fellow who built the big dam across the Mississippi at Keokuk, Iowa, has been called to Egypt to take charge of the building of a dam across the Nile. We suppose Cooper is not taking any tips from Moses in this undertaking. Cooper wants a way "to pile the waters up" that will be permanent.

## LIBERTY ITEMS.

Spring is here and everybody getting busy.

All will begin sowing oats this week if the weather holds good.

Mr. Neal Sheang's are all better.

**Charlie Wilkins** has left us to work for Mr. Givens. Sorry to see you go, Charlie, but we know you will come back each Sunday to see some of these pretty girls you left behind.

**John Lockridge** visited his brother, Bob, north of Mexico, Saturday and Sunday.

**Mrs. Clarence Adams** visited home folks last week.

**Neal Watts** lost a horse last week from feeding fodder. This makes the second horse this winter he has lost.

**Judge M. C. Flynt** of near Gant was reported very ill last week. He is a splendid man and we hope for his early recovery.

**John W. Crum,** southeast of Mexico, was in town Monday. John is becoming about as fat as a match. Neither he nor this editor would make very heavy porkers.

**Mrs. Buddie Caldwell,** southeast of Mexico, has been confined to her room for two months by illness.

**E. E. Laws** and wife of Kansas City are here on a visit to Mrs. Laws' mother, Mrs. Fannie A. Reed.

## KIDNAPS CHILDREN.

## A Smart Ruse Worked on Laddonia Teacher.

Laddonia, Mo., March 13.—Mrs. Ollie McLean, of Springfield, Mo., came to Martinsburg Wednesday morning, drove to the school house in this place and wrote a note asking that Grace and Roy Jenkins be excused. The note was signed "Josh Jenkins," and Miss Lydia Hatton, the teacher, excused the children.

They are the children of Mrs. McLean, but about eight years ago when she was living in Aurora, Mo., the children were taken away from her by the authorities and sent to a home in St. Louis, where Jenkins, their grandfather, got them.

The kidnapper drove to Rush Hill and took the west bound C. & A. train for Kansas City.

## IN MEMORIUM.

**Elgin L. Beal** was born in 1858 on a farm five miles northwest of Laddonia where he resided with his parents, W. H. and Jane Beal, until his majority. In the spring of 1879 he drove a team of four mules to a wagon for John D. McCarty to Denver Colo. Returned in the fall and the next spring opened the first undertaker's store and barber shop in Laddonia. Sold out to A. E. Myers. His next venture was farming on the homestead. Later he married Miss Maggie Poor. They moved to Hazen, Ark. Not having good health there, they started with a wagon drawn by a team of mules and drove up thru the Indian Nation, thence across Kansas, finally landing in Custer county, Neb., where they took up a homestead. Sold later and moved to Broken Bow. Here Elgin was engaged in the newspaper business for several years. Finally selling this he bought a ranch near the Bow where he built up a magnificent home. About three years ago he lost his health and on the 10th inst. in a hospital at Omaha, Neb., after undergoing a severe surgical operation he succumbed and passed into the Great Beyond. He was a good man, a kind husband and parent and a considerate neighbor. The wife survives him besides 9 children, five sons and four daughters. Two brothers also survive him, John Beal, editor of the Mexico (Mo.) Message, and C. W. Beal of Broken Bow, Neb., Prosecuting Attorney of Custer county. Elgin was a lover of music, and sweet were the strains of the piano and violin at his home in the days gone by. His old schoolmates and neighbors back here in Audrain are pained to hear of his death.

**Miss Isabelle Craddock,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Craddock, was taken to a hospital in Chicago last week where she underwent an operation for a throat trouble. She is reported as getting along nicely.

**J. E. Strief** has been elected Exalted Ruler of the Mexico Elks Lodge. Sam D. Byrns was re-elected secretary.

**Mrs. E. S. Wilson** has resigned as matron in William Woods College at Fulton and will return to her home in this city.

## Mexico Savings Bank

Capital Stock, \$150,000.00

43rd Year in Business.

W. W. FRY, President.

SAM LOCKE, Cashier.